# Passport vs Travel document

A passport is an official document issued by a government that verifies a person's identity and citizenship, primarily for international travel. It allows the holder to enter and exit foreign countries and return to their own. Passports typically include personal information like the holder's name, date of birth, photograph, and nationality.

Here's a more detailed explanation
Identity and Citizenship Verification:
A passport serves as proof of identity and citizenship when traveling internationally.

International Travel:
It's essential for entering and exiting most countries, and also allows re-entry into the issuing country.

Contents:
Passports usually contain a photograph, personal details (name, date of birth, etc.), and information about the issuing country.

Visa Requirements:
While a passport is necessary for international travel, some countries require a separate document called a visa, which grants permission to enter for a specific purpose and duration.

Evolution of Passports:
The concept of passports, or documents facilitating safe passage, dates back to ancient times, with modern passports evolving into the secure travel documents we know today.

Biometric Passports:
Many countries now issue biometric passports that include electronic chips with biometric information (like fingerprints or facial recognition data) to

further enhance security and prevent fraud.

**Temporary passport or Travel document:**
A temporary passport, also known as an emergency or provisional passport, is a travel document issued for a limited time to allow someone to return home or continue a journey when their regular passport is unavailable.

A temporary passport is issued for a specific, urgent situation where a person needs to travel but lacks a valid, regular passport. This could be due to loss, theft, damage, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Validity:
Temporary passports are usually valid for a short period, often a year or less, and are specifically for the trip for which they were issued.
Restrictions:
They are not a substitute for a regular passport and may not be accepted everywhere.

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